

Remarks

In connection with the above-referenced patent application and in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005 in connection therewith, applicant hereby

(i) provides a corrected drawing sheet in response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), the corrected drawing sheet showing the "one or more cable ends having corresponding RFID tags attached thereto" and the "plurality of RFID antennas" as requested;

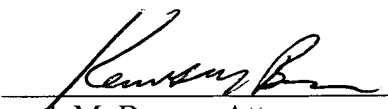
(ii) amends claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 17 and 18 in response to the Examiner's objections thereto by eliminating the recitations of the clauses "able to" and "adapted to" therefrom;

(iii) amends claims 1 and 2 also in response to the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112 by eliminating the recitations of the phrase "such that" therefrom; and

(iv) provides a terminal disclaimer in response to the rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 11-14, 19 and 20 on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting over claims 1, 4, 6, 12 and 13 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,847,856.

Having resolved all of the outstanding objections and rejections, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this submission. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney, Kenneth M. Brown, at (908) 582 - 5998, should there be any questions or issues for discussion in the reconsideration of the pending application.

Respectfully,

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